

Dear Ravalli County Commissioners,

The attached printed document is a guidebook to be published on Lost Horse climbing. The Print date for this book is two weeks from now. Stores in the Missoula area and across the State of Montana have already requested copies to sell. In addition, numerous people across the state and outside the state have asked for advanced copies of this book.

Bottom-line, if the quarry goes forward, all of this will be lost. Climbers go for the forest experience as much as for the athletic pursuit of climbing. Also, an active mining operation is 100% incompatible with a the sport of climbing. The two do not mix, and no mitigation is possible. Climbers will not go to Lost Horse if a quarry is there and running 6 months out of the year. Best season to climb is Oct. to May, the same time proposed for the quarry.

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